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To: Subst. House Bill No. **5771**

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"AN ACT AUTHORIZING PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE DRUGS IN NINETY-DAY QUANTITIES."

Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2015) A pharmacist may exercise 3 4 his or her professional judgment in refilling a prescription for a 5 quantity of a drug greater than the initial quantity of a drug prescribed 6 by the prescribing practitioner, provided (1) such refill is made after 7 the patient's initial prescription is dispensed, (2) such refill does not 8 exceed a ninety-day supply of such drug and does not exceed the total 9 quantity of such drug authorized by the prescribing practitioner, (3) 10 the prescribing practitioner has not indicated that the initial quantity 11 or refill quantity of the prescribed drug shall not be changed, (4) such 12 drug is not a controlled drug, as defined in section 21a-240 of the 13 general statutes, (5) the pharmacist informs the prescribing practitioner

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14 of such refill at the earliest reasonable time, but not later than forty-

- 15 eight hours after such refill is made, and (6) the patient's health
- 16 insurance policy or health benefit plan, if any, will cover the refill
- 17 quantity dispensed, without additional coinsurance, deductible or

other out-of-pocket expense required from the patient."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: